

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF DRAFT PUBLIC ENVIRONMENT REPORT (PER)**

*Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act) – Section 98(1)(c)*

**Gregory Crinum Coal Mine M-Block Extension Project**

***EPBC 2021/9127***

Notification for publication of the Public Environment Report, Gregory Crinum Mine (GCM) M-Block Extension, prepared for Sojitz Blue Pty Ltd (April 2023 - Rev. No. G).

Sojitz are proposing to continue mining operations at GCM with M-Block located wholly within ML1923 and immediately east of the existing mining areas. GCM, inclusive of M-Block, is located approximately 50 km north-east of Emerald, Queensland and holds a Queensland Environmental Authority (EA) (EPML00945013) and water licence (577145) to enable dewatering of ML1923. Mining of M-Block will use conventional open-cut mining methods for the first three years, with underground access to be established from the highwall. Existing infrastructure will be used for M-Block mining activity.

The proposed action has been determined a controlled action under the EPBC Act. The controlling provisions are '*Listed threatened species and communities (sections 18 & 18A)*', and '*A water resource, in relation to coal seam gas development and large coal mining developments (sections 24D & 24E)*'.

Public comments are invited on the PER and it can be accessed electronically at Sojitz's website - <https://www.sojitzblue.com.au/community-environment/> and viewed during business hours, Monday to Friday, from 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023 to 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at:

- Emerald Library. 44 Borilla Street, Emerald Qld 4720 (07) 4986 8444
- Department of Environment and Science (DES). Hospital Road Emerald, Qld 4720
- Sojitz – Crinum Hub. Liskeard Road, Lilyvale, Emerald Qld 4720 (07) 4910 7278
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Interested persons are invited to comment in writing on the draft PER. Submissions should reference **EPBC 2021/9127** and can be lodged via email [Ann.Houston@sojitzblue.com.au](mailto:Ann.Houston@sojitzblue.com.au); or PO Box 126 Brisbane Qld 4001. The deadline for comments is **5pm, Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023**.